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SUBJECT: SCENARIO FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT--MEETING AT
FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, MAY 4, 10:30 A.M.

1. FOLLOWING IS SCENARIO FOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING AT SEC-
RETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, AS WE NOW SEE IT. IT WILL
BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS RESULT OF MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 28 AT 1200 AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT, WHEN WE
HAVE BEEN PROMISED FURTHER REACTIONS TO AGENDA FOR ECON-
OMIC AND SOCIAL WORKING GROUPS SENT US BY DEPARTMENT.

2. SINCE, AT APRIL 22 PLANNING MEETING AT FOREIGN RE-
LATIONS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT SECRETARIAT HAD GIVEN NO
ORGANIZED THOUGHT TO HOW SUBSTANTIVE MEETING TO REVIEW
WORK OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM WAS TO BE STRUCTURED,
EMBASSY REPS AT MEETING ON APRIL 24 SUGGESTED FOLLOWING
SCHEMA, MAKING CLEAR IT WAS FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES
AND HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH WASHINGTON. SRE REACTION
TO OVERALL SUGGESTIONS WAS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH
AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP WAS SUBJECT OF CONSID-
ERABLE CRITICISM AND UNCERTAINTY.

3. SCENARIO

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1030. ARRIVAL AT SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.
PROCEED TO LARGE HALL (SALA MAGNA) OF CONFERENCE AREA FOR
PLENARY MEETING. SECRETARY AND PARTY TO BE GREETED BY
SECRETARY ROEL AND ASSOCIATES. PHOTO FILM OPPORTUNITY AT
OPENING.

1030-1115. PLENARY MEETING, DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1030-1045. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY SECRETARY ROEL
REVIEWING WORK OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM AND OTHER ASPECTS
OF MEXICAN-US RELATIONS--15 MINUTES.

1045-1100. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS IN REPLY BY SEC-
RETARY VANCE--MAXIMUM 15 MINUTES.

1100-1110. APPROVAL BY SECRETARIES OF TEXT OF JOINT
STATUS REPORT ON WORK OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM (TO BE
INCORPORATED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AFTERNOON OF
MAY 4 AT LOS PINOS, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ
PORTILLO.)

1110-1115. OTHER BUSINESS, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF
DATE FOR NEXT MEETING OF CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. (MEXICAN
ASSUMPTION IS NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.)

1115. ADJOURNMENT OF PLENARY MEETING.

WE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING AS TENTATIVE LIST OF US PAR-
TICIPANTS IN PLENARY SESSION, AND REQUEST WASHINGTON PRO-
POSALS FOR ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS: SECRETARY VANCE, AMB-
ASSADOR LUCEY, UNDERSECRETARY COOPER, COUNSELOR NIMETZ,
LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL, ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY GENERAL EGAN,
COMMERCE UNDERSECRETARY HARMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY TOD-
MAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE CHAVEZ, DEPUTY ASS-
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ISTANT SECRETARY SHELTON, OTHER MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON
PARTY, AND EMBASSY OFFICERS INCLUDING NOTETAKER.

GOM WAS NOT PREPARED TO LIST ITS PARTICIPANTS IN
PLENARY SESSION AT THAT TIME.

1115-1145. RECESS, WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR PERSONAL
CONTACTS BETWEEN MEXICAN AND US REPRESENTATIVES.

1145-1330. TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS IN ROOMS IN CON-
FERENCE AREA--ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP AND SOCIAL WORKING
GROUP.

A. ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP. EMBASSY SUGGESTED US
PARTICIPANTS ARE: COOPER, HARMAN, CHAVEZ, MS. SHELTON,
BITTNER, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. ECON COUNSELOR
HAYNE OR DESIGNEE AS NOTETAKER. GOM TENTATIVELY SUGGESTED
FOLLOWING AS ITS MEMBERS, AND WE ASSUME SOME OR ALL WOULD
PROBABLY ATTEND PLENARY AS WELL: COMMERCE SUB-SECRETARY
HECTOR HERNANDEZ; SRE ECONOMIC ADVISER AMBASSADOR MANUEL
ARMENDARIZ; RAFAEL IZQUIERDO, ECONOMIC ADVISER TO
PRESIDENT; SR. ORTIZ SALINAS, TOURISM SUB-SECRETARY;
NATHAN WARMAN, SUB-SECRETARY PATRIMONY; ALFONSO CEBREROS,

SUB-SECRETARY OF PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING; AND EITHER MIGUEL DE LA MADRID OR BERNARDO SEPULVEDA, SECRETARIAT OF TREASURY AND PUBLIC CREDIT. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT MEXICAN SIDE DID NOT RPT NOT SUGGEST AT THIS TIME PRESENCE OF EITHER OF ITS SUPPOSED CO-CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP, COMMERCE SECRETARY DE LA VEGA OR PROGRAMMING AND BUDGET SECRETARY GARCIA SAINZ. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT IS TAKING POSITION THAT, SINCE US WORKING GROUPS ARE

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CHAired AT BELOW CABINET LEVEL, IT IS NOT INCUMBENT ON GOM TO HAVE SECRETARIES PRESENT AT WORKING GROUP MEETINGS. GOM HAS NOT SAID THIS DIRECTLY BUT IT HAS COME THROUGH. GOM ATTITUDE IGNORES FACT THAT IT WAS ITS OWN DECISION TO APPOINT SECRETARIES AS ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN. ROUNDUP OF COMMENTS ON DEPARTMENT'S AGENDA FOR ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP CONTAINED IN MEXICO 06870.

B. SOCIAL WORKING GROUP. EMBASSY SUGGESTED AS PARTICIPANTS COUNSELOR NIMETZ AND MR. EGAN (AS CO-CHAIRMAN), MR. HANSELL, MR. SIMCOX, PLUS EMBASSY OFFICERS AND NOTETAKER (MR. RICHARD HOWARD, POL). WE UNDERSTAND MR. READ WILL ALSO ATTEND. MEXICAN SIDE MENTIONED PARTICIPANTS ONLY BY DEPARTMENTS, WITH EXCEPTION OF LIC. AGUILERA OF SECRETARIAT OF PROGRAMMING AND PLANNING. DEPARTMENTS MENTIONED WERE LABOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL.

AGENDA AS PROVIDED IN STATE 102819 AND MODIFIED IN MEXICO 06719 WAS PROVIDED TO GOM WITH INVITATION FOR COMMENTS. MEXICAN CO-CHAIRMAN SOCIAL WORKING GROUP UNDER SECRETARY ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ, WHO BROKE OFF FROM NEGOTIATIONS ON EXTRADITION TREATY TO ATTEND MEETING ONLY BRIEFLY, HAD

ONLY TWO COMMENTS ON AGENDA. FIRST WAS THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR SOCIAL WORKING GROUP TO APPROVE JOINT STATUS REPORT, SINCE THE WHOLE REPORT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROVED
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AT PLENARY SESSION--HE WAS CORRECT. SECOND, ROSENZWEIG RAISED QUESTION ABOUT ITEM D-3 UNDER BORDER CO-OPERATION, TITLED "CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS OF 1968 DIS-ASTER RELIEF AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS OF CALIFORNIA AND BAJA CALIFORNIA". HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT DISTRESSED BY WHAT HE SAW AS "INTERVENTION" OF STATE GOVERNMENTS INTO A MATTER OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT CONCERN, MENTIONED THE APPEAL MADE TO US BY BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE GOVERNOR ROBERTO DE LA MADRID AT TIME OF RECENT TIJUANA FLOODS, AND GAVE IMPRESSION HE MAY PROPOSE THAT THIS ITEM BE REMOVED FROM AGENDA, BUT HE WILL NOT HAVE FIRM POSITION UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN ON APRIL 28. EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT AT THAT MEETING GOM MAY HAVE FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES.

AT SAME TIME AS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WORKING GROUP MEETINGS (I.E., 1145-1330), EMBASSY PROPOSED TO SRE THAT SECRETARIES ROEL AND VANCE MEET AS POLITICAL WORKING GROUP, WITH AGENDA TO BE AGREED ON BETWEEN THEM, PERHAPS INFORMALLY, AND WITH THEM MAKING DECISIONS AS TO ADVISERS THEY WISH TO HAVE WITH THEM IN THIS MEETING. WE SUGGESTED THAT MEETING OF POLITICAL WORKING GROUP WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SECRETARY VANCE TO MEET, ALONG WITH ROEL, WITH CABINET-LEVEL OFFICERS OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. WE RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL, BUT WILL PROBE FOR VIEWS ON APRIL 28 IF THEY ARE NOT VOLUNTEERED. LUCEY

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